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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of Energy Efficiency Programs and an Accounting Order to Defer Costs Incurred in Connection with Development and Implementation of Energy Efficiency Programs – **Power Manager Corrected Revised Tariff**
Docket No. 2009-166-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) has reviewed the filing in the above-referenced docket and has no objection to the Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“Company”) for approval to modify the Power Manager Program (“Program”) and revise the associated tariff.

The Program was approved in Order No. 2009-336 dated May 19, 2009 and is a demand response program that cycles residential central air conditioning units during summer peak demand and is available to individually metered residential customers served on certain residential rate schedules. Participation in the Program is voluntary, but requires the payment of a \$35 up-front fee for the installation of the load control device in residences not pre-wired for such devices. Customers participating in the Program receive an \$8.00 billing credit for each of the billing months July-October that they participate in the Program, provided that the total credits on any monthly bill not exceed 35% of the bill and that the monthly bill shall not be less than the applicable Basic Facilities Charge.

The Program was launched in February 2010. The Company is seeking to remove the \$35 installation fee as it has been identified as a barrier to participation. Current enrollment in the Program is approximately 25% of the amount originally projected.

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Based on this data, ORS has no objection to the Company's request. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this matter.

Sincerely,



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